GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN MEDICAL DEGREES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has consulted the Medical Council of India (MCI) regarding recognition to foreign medical degree in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 provides for consultation process with Medical Council of India before the Central Government takes any decision with regard to recognition of foreign medical degrees within or outside the scheme of reciprocity. However, the Central Government is empowered to take a final decision on considering the recommendations of MCI.

After consultation with Medical Council of India, the Central Government has notified the recognition of postgraduate medical qualifications awarded to Indian citizens in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States of America, on 10th March, 2008.